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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND**  
**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant respectfully requests a five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) from the May 8, 2005 deadline for filing an appeal brief in connection with the Notice of Appeal filed March 8, 2006. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including October 10, 2006. Applicant also requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A check in the amount of \$2950.00 is enclosed to cover fees required for consideration of this response. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for reconsideration of this application, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2005, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Appendix A:** Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Heriberto Alejandro Bustamante.

**Appendix B:** First Declaration of Dr. Heriberto Alejandro Bustamante dated February 7, 2006.

**Appendix C:** Second Declaration of Dr. Heriberto Alejandro Bustamante dated September 29, 2006.

**Appendix D:** Declaration of Marilyn Caraman dated March 27, 2002.

**Appendix E:** R. Reed, et al., The Determination of the “True” Filtration Characteristics of Diatomaceous Earth, American Society of Brewing Chemists, 1987, available at [www.asbcnet.org/journal/pdfs/backissues/45-0048.pdf](http://www.asbcnet.org/journal/pdfs/backissues/45-0048.pdf).

**Appendix F:** Aldrich Technical Information Bulletin AL-143 Mineral Adsorbents, Filter Agents and Drying Agents, available at [http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/Brands/Aldrich/Tech\\_Bulletins/\\_AL\\_143/Diatomaceous\\_Earth.html](http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/Brands/Aldrich/Tech_Bulletins/_AL_143/Diatomaceous_Earth.html).